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Appl. No.	:	09/848,556
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For	:	METHODS OF PERFORMING PROCEDURES IN THE SPINE
Examiner	:	Pedro Philogene
Group Art Unit	:	3732

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 12, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.